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Be it remembered that the regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall Building on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Jim Newell, Nettie Y. Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan and Willie Jennings; City Attorney Ben Logan; and Glenda Muse, Clerk of the Council.

The invocation was led by Rev. Chris Traylor, local President of the NAACP, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scouts who were introduced by Councilman Lynn Bryan.

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATION OR
AMENDMENT OF AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan and a second by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously to confirm the agenda and agenda order, amended as follows:

ADD: Executive Session

4. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF BOY/GIRL SCOUTS

Boy Scouts Nathaniel Aycock of Troop #3 sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and Adam Homan, Troop 85, sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church were present and earlier had led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES

No city employees were present for recognition.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Shelton introduced a large group of individuals who, organized under the slogan "Build for Beth", have undertaken the project of completely renovating and building additional space to the home of Beth Stauffer, widow of Tupelo Police Officer Gale Stauffer who was killed in the line of duty in December. The response has been

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tremendous to this effort with people coming from around the country to help. Mayor Shelton commended them for their show of generosity, love and support to this family and the City Council and those in the audience gave them a standing ovation. Beth Stauffer as well as Debbie Brangenberg, mother of Gale Stauffer, were present, also.

Councilman Buddy Palmer reminded everyone of the event to be held Monday, April 7, 2014, at Veterans Memorial Park for groundbreaking ceremonies for the Vietnam Wall project as well as the display of the F-105 fighter plane. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF “SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

Deborah Yates, Director of S.A.F.E., Inc., accepted a proclamation from Mayor Shelton proclaiming the month of April, 2014, as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” in the City of Tupelo. Sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor but for the family and friends of that person. No one person or organization can eliminate this terrible problem but we can all work together to educate everyone about what can be done to prevent such tragic situations. Setting aside this month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

IN THE MATTER OF MAYOR’S REPORT

Following is an excerpt of Mayor Shelton’s report for this meeting:

...Reiterated appreciation to those participants of the “Build for Beth” project.

...Thanked the volunteers and especially Debbie Brangenberg and her crew at the Downtown Main Street Association for a very successful Craft Beer Festival. Attendance was great.

...A “Thank You” to the organizers of the 2014 Mustache Bash last weekend at the Gumtree Art Museum. Money raised each year goes to the Autism Center of North-east Mississippi.

...The Taste was again a successful event at BancorpSouth Conference Center.

...Thanks to Marilyn Vail and all employees in Development Services, Parks & Recreation, Public Works Department and the Tupelo Police Department for two great fitness events last weekend. The “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Run” as well as the Multiple Sclerosis Run were both very successful and well attended. The Giving Gala held in correlation with the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” run was also a great success. The event benefits the Humane Society and Regional Rehab among other important causes.

...Next Tupelo Fit Event will be Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Shanti Yoga.

...Upcoming events, also, include:

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The Color Vibe Run (5K) next Saturday. He thanked Neal McCoy and staff of CVB for sponsoring this event.

...Noleput will be held 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. around the Silver Moon Club.

5. PUBLIC AGENDA

(NO ITEMS)

6. ACTION AGENDA

(NO ITEMS)

7. ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan and a second by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Upon a motion by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman L. Bryan, the council voted as follows to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of Tuesday, March 25, 2014:

VOTING AYE:	Whittington, L. Bryan, Newell, Davis, Palmer, Jennings
ABSTAINING:	M. Bryan (Councilman Bryan was not present at the meeting.)

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/PAY BILLS

Upon a motion by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the council voted unanimously to approve payment of the following checks, bills having been reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Whittington, L. Bryan, Davis and Palmer:

Check Nos. 119130 through 119531 (Pool Cash Fund)
Electronic transfers as shown on the face of the docket.
Invoices as shown on the face of the docket.
Requests made by ALAC to reimburse employees under Flex-One Plan
as shown on the face of the docket

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT TO TUPELO
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Upon a motion by Councilman Jennings and a second by Councilman Palmer, the council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jim Collins to the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency. Mayor Shelton had recommended the reappointment of Mr. Collins with his new term being effective May 13, 2014, through May 12, 2018.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT TO NORTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT BOARD**

Mayor Shelton had recommended Mr. Billy Wheeler for reappointment to the Northeast Mississippi Regional Water Supply District Board. Mr. Wheeler's term will begin March 31, 2014 through March 30, 2019 for five years. Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, the council voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Mr. Wheeler to this Board for the above mentioned term. A copy of his bio is attached hereto as **APPENDIX A.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE FY 2013-14 BUDGET REVISION #4

Due to the fact that President Davis' daughter is an employee of the City of Tupelo, she recused herself from the discussion and vote on this matter since it addressed an issue pertaining to an increase in salary for City employees. Vice-President M. Bryan assumed the Chair at this time. Councilman Palmer moved to approve FY 2013-14 Budget Revision #4 and to accept donations contained in it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jennings and a discussion followed. The motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING AYE:	Newell, Palmer, M. Bryan, Jennings
VOTING NAY:	Whittington, L. Bryan
RECUSED:	N. Davis

An executed copy of the budget revision is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein as **APPENDIX B.** President Davis returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair from Vice-President M. Bryan.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT CITY OF TUPELO AUDIT FOR FY ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

Councilman Whittington moved to accept the City of Tupelo Audit for FY ending

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September 30, 2013; the motion was seconded by Councilman L. Bryan and unanimously approved by a vote of the council members. Greg Jarrell of the firm of Franks, Franks & Jarrell, P. A., who had prepared the audit, had earlier reviewed the report for the City Council at a work session and was, also, on hand tonight to answer any questions. According to Mr. Jarrell, this is an unqualified report with no current year reported deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control and/or in the compliance system.

Mr. Jarrell complimented the Finance Department, as well as all department heads, for their diligence, cooperation and hard work which resulted in the unqualified report.

**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE REQUEST FROM TUPELO AIRPORT
AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT**

Fred Cook, President of the Tupelo Airport Authority Board of Directors, by letter dated March 17, 2014, to Mayor Shelton on behalf of the Airport Board presented information regarding Airport Capital Improvements.

The Airport Authority Board has learned that grant funds may be available through the Multimodal Transportation Improvement Program established by the 2001 Legislature. The program is contained in Sections 65-1-701 through 65-1-711 of the Mississippi Code of 1972. The program establishes a special fund, the Multimodal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF), into which State funds may be deposited to be expended by Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for improvements to airports, ports, railroads, and public transit systems in the State. The Airport Authority wishes to apply for this grant to be utilized to build a new taxiway to replace the old runway at the airport, contingent upon a dollar-for-dollar match by the City of Tupelo in the amount of \$500,000.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Councilman Whittington voted to approve the request of the Airport Authority to apply for grant funds through the Multimodal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF), and the motion was seconded by Councilman Jennings. By approving this request, the City Council is committing to appropriate \$500,000 in a dollar-for-dollar match to the grant funds for a publicly owned capital project, if the grant is approved.

Vote by the City Council on the matter was as follows:

VOTING AYE:	Whittington, L. Bryan, Newell, Davis, Palmer, Jennings
VOTING NAY:	M. Bryan

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IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO LOT MOWING PENALTIES

This item was tabled at the regular City Council meeting of March 18, 2014, and will remain on the table at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES OF TUPELO MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PROGRAM MEETING

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan and a second by Councilman Newell, the council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Major Thoroughfare Program meeting of February 10, 2014, a copy being attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX C.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A GENERAL AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE

Johnny Timmons, Manager of the Tupelo Water and Light Department, had requested by letter dated March 26, 2014, to Mayor Shelton and the City Council for approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Tupelo Electric Department to Become a Member of a Generation and Transmission Cooperative.

According to Mr. Timmons, this Resolution will allow the City of Tupelo Electric Department to enter into agreement with Tennessee Valley Public Power Association for the creation and organization of a Generation and Transmission Cooperative.

Upon a motion by Councilman Palmer and a second by Councilman M. Bryan, the council voted unanimously to approve this Resolution, an executed copy being attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes as **APPENDIX D.**

8. STUDY AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/DISCUSS REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY

This item will remain on the Study Agenda at this time.

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**IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW/APPROVE CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF TUPELO AND MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

This item will remain on the Study Agenda at this time.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman M. Bryan and a second by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously to close the regular meeting to determine the need for an executive session.

Upon a motion by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Jennings, the council voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss:

- (1) Industrial Development and Recruitment
- (2) Prospective Purchase of Real Property

Upon a motion by Councilman L. Bryan, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the council voted unanimously to come out of executive session with no action to be taken in the regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon a motion by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Palmer, the council voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

APPROVED:

MAYOR